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- Three suspects were charged March 16 in Connecticut for their roles in a multimillion dollar international fraud scheme in which they allegedly used altered documents and a U.S. Department of Agriculture program to secure loans and transfer funds to banks overseas. – *U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Connecticut* (See item [6](#))
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- Nearly \$5 million was seized from accounts affiliated with North Carolina-based Gate City Transportation after the company allegedly billed Medicaid over \$19 million for fraudulent ambulance services. – *Greensboro News & Record* (See item [16](#))
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Chemical Industry Sector

1. ***March 16, Associated Press*** – (West Virginia) **2 former Freedom owners plead guilty in chemical spill case.** Two former owners of Freedom Industries pleaded guilty March 16 in separate hearings to causing an unlawful discharge of a coal-cleaning agent at the company's Charleston facility into the Elk River in January 2014, contaminating the water supply of about 300,000 residents of West Virginia. A former owner and the former president of the company also face charges in connection to the incident.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/freedom-owners-set-plea-hearings-spill-case-29665700>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. ***March 16, South Jersey Times*** – (New Jersey) **Salem 1 reactor shut down by PSEG Nuclear after failure to meet deadline to fix cooling unit.** PSEG Nuclear shut down the Salem 1 reactor on Artificial Island in Lower Alloways Creek Township March 15 after workers failed to repair a faulty fan cooling unit inside a containment building in time to comply with U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements. The other two reactors at the complex are operating at full power, and the company has no timetable for Salem 1's return to service.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/salem/index.ssf/2015/03/salem_1_reactor_shut_down_by_pseg_nuclear_after_fa.html

3. ***March 16, Associated Press*** – (Pennsylvania) **DEP searching for missing gauge containing nuclear material.** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection requested the public's assistance in locating a Troxler Model 3411B nuclear gauge containing radioactive material that was found missing March 13. The gauge poses no health risk unless it is broken open, interfered with, or suffers damage.

Source: <http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2015/03/16/dep-searching-for-missing-gauge-containing-nuclear-material/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. ***March 16, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*** – (Indiana) **U.S. and Indiana settle Clean Air Act case with Muncie smelter to reduce lead emissions.** Exide

Technologies reached a settlement March 16 with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Indiana to resolve a lawsuit over Clean Air Act violations at its lead smelter facility in Muncie for failing to comply with national emission standards which resulted in the release of excess lead. The company will spend over \$3.9 million to install new pollution control equipment and pay an \$820,000 penalty.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/cf658438cd1a4a8485257e0a006abeb4>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

5. *March 16, KERO 23 Bakersfield* – (California) **Three defendants plead guilty in Bakersfield mortgage fraud scheme.** Three Bakersfield residents pleaded guilty March 16 to charges related to a \$5.6 million mortgage fraud scheme in which the defendants allegedly conspired with others to use straw buyers and fraudulent loan applications to purchase properties developed by Jara Brother Investments and Pershing Partners LLC from 2007-2010. Four co-conspirators previously pleaded guilty in connection to the scheme and two others were indicted in the case.
Source: <http://www.turnto23.com/news/local-news/three-defendants-plead-guilty-in-bakersfield-mortgage-fraud-scheme>

6. *March 16, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Connecticut* – (International) **Three individuals charged with defrauding banks and USDA export financing program.** The U.S. District Attorney for Connecticut announced March 16 that three suspects were charged for their roles in a multimillion dollar fraud scheme in which they allegedly used altered documents and a U.S. Department of Agriculture export financing program to secure loans from U.S. financial institutions, and then transferred the funds to foreign banks in Russia for a commission. The foreign banks defaulted on over \$10 million worth of loans from 2007-2012.
Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/newhaven/press-releases/2015/three-individuals-charged-with-defrauding-banks-and-usda-export-financing-program>

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *March 17, KPIX 5 San Francisco; San Francisco Bay City News* – (California) **Suspect brandishing gun dies in fiery crash near Bodega Bay after high-speed chase.** State Highway 1 in Petaluma in Sonoma County was closed in both directions for approximately 6 hours March 16 -17 while the California Highway Patrol

investigated after a suspect who brandished a gun at an area restaurant crashed his vehicle into a tree during a high-speed pursuit by police.

Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2015/03/17/suspect-brandishing-gun-dies-in-fiery-crash-near-bodega-bay-after-high-speed-chase/>

8. ***March 17, WUSA 9 Washington, D.C.; KUSA 9 Denver*** – (Virginia) **‘Violent passenger forces flight to return to Dulles.** A Denver-bound United Airlines flight returned to Washington-Dulles International Airport in Virginia, March 16 after a passenger who claimed to have a bomb became violent and attempted to reach the cockpit before he was restrained by other passengers. The flight landed safely and local law enforcement met the aircraft at the gate to detain the passenger.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/03/17/united-flight-disturbance/24886535/>
9. ***March 17, Dallas Morning News*** – (Texas) **Fiery crash burns up 18-wheeler, shuts down Highway 75 in McKinney.** A semi-truck crashed into a guardrail and caught fire after it blew out a tire on U.S. Highway 75 in McKinney prompting an overnight closure of southbound lanes from March 16 to March 17.
Source: <http://thescoopblog.dallasnews.com/2015/03/fiery-crash-burns-up-18-wheeler-shuts-down-highway-75-in-mckinney.html/>
10. ***March 16, WDAY 6 Fargo*** – (North Dakota) **One passenger hospitalized following emergency landing at Hector International Airport Monday morning.** A United Airlines flight headed from Anchorage, Alaska, to Chicago was diverted to Hector International Airport in Fargo, North Dakota, March 16 due to a passenger suffering a medical emergency on board. The flight was delayed for more than 7 hours after crews discovered that all of the plane’s medical oxygen was used during the emergency and ordered the use of a replacement plane.
Source: <http://www.wday.com/news/3701224-one-passenger-hospitalized-following-emergency-landing-hector-international-airport>
11. ***March 16, KXAN 36 Austin*** – (Texas) **Rollover wreck kills one and injures two others.** Westbound lanes of State Highway 71 in Bastrop were closed for more than 2 hours March 15 after 2 pickup trucks and a car collided, killing 1 and injuring 2 others.
Source: <http://kxan.com/2015/03/15/one-dead-in-three-vehicle-crash-along-highway-71/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

12. ***March 17, Jackson Clarion-Ledger*** – (Mississippi) **Chicken farms catch fire in Rankin Co.** About 22,000 Koch Foods-owned chickens were killed and 2 chicken houses were destroyed in a March 17 fire on a farm near Puckett. Authorities are investigating the blaze that started in one structure and spread to the second building through a ventilation system.
Source: <http://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/2015/03/17/rankin-county-chicken-farms-catch-fire/24886536/>

coop-fire/24889959/

13. ***March 17, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*** – (International) **Frontier Co-op initiates voluntary Class 1 recall due to possible health risk from organic garlic powder.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced March 16 that Frontier Co-op voluntarily issued a recall for several of its products manufactured with organic garlic powder that were sold under its Frontier and Simply Organic brands, and one product sold under the Whole Foods Market brand due to possible Salmonella contamination. The recalled products contain contaminated raw material that was supplied to Frontier, and were sold in all U.S. States and in some parts of Canada.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm438360.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

14. ***March 16, Associated Press*** – (Montana) **Glendive water system back on.** The city of Glendive's water system was brought back online March 16 after being shut down March 14 when residue from an oil spill along the Yellowstone River was detected at the water plant after an ice breakup released oil that was trapped in the ice since the January 17 spill. Officials advised 6,000 residents to conserve water March 14-15 while the plant was taken offline and crews installed an aeration system to remove any oil residue traces.
Source: <http://www.greatfallstribune.com/story/news/2015/03/16/glendive-water-system-back-online/24849457/>

15. ***March 16, Peninsula Daily News*** – (Washington) **Rainfall pushes 7 million gallons of diluted sewage into Port Angeles Harbor; health officials urge that people stay out of water.** Clallam County public health officials issued a water advisory March 16 for Port Angeles Harbor in Washington following heavy rainfall March 15 that caused 7 million gallons of diluted sewage to spill into the water. The advisory was expected to remain in effect until March 23.

Source: <http://www.peninsuladailynews.com/article/20150316/NEWS/150319978>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

16. ***March 17, Greensboro News & Record*** – (North Carolina) **Government seizes close to \$5 million from Gate City Transportation and owner.** Documents filed with the U.S. District Court in Greensboro stated that the federal government seized nearly \$5 million from accounts affiliated with Gate City Transportation and its owner after the non-emergency medical transportation company allegedly billed Medicaid over \$19 million for ambulance services from January 2011 to September 2014 while only providing transportation services. The company filed fraudulent paperwork stating that

they provided basic life support services to patients during transport, even though they did not own any ambulances after the fall of 2010.

Source: http://www.news-record.com/news/local_news/government-seizes-close-to-million-from-gate-city-transportation-and/article_6da7946e-cc5d-11e4-a3e0-1b5cedce9769.html

17. *March 16, Bend Bulletin* – (Oregon) **Advantage Dental reports data breach.**

Redmond-based Advantage Dental reported March 16 that personal information, including Social Security numbers, of over 151,000 patients was accessed after its internal membership database was breached in February when an employee's computer was infected with malware. The company has taken additional security steps to prevent any future attacks and continues to investigate.

Source: <http://www.bendbulletin.com/health/2984021-151/advantage-dental-reports-more-than-151000-patient-records#>

18. *March 16, Monroe News-Star* – (Louisiana) **Four arrested at Jackson Parish Hospital after investigation.**

Louisiana State Police arrested four individuals March 16 in connection to payroll fraud, criminal conspiracy, theft, and illegal distribution of drugs at Jackson Parish Hospital after an investigation into the hospital's pharmacy department found several accounting discrepancies.

Source: <http://www.thenewsstar.com/story/news/local/2015/03/16/four-arrested-jackson-parish-hospital-investigation/24868171/>

19. *March 16, Pensacola News Journal* – (Florida) **Sacred Heart Health System billing information hacked.**

Florida-based Sacred Heart Health System announced March 16 that the billing information, including names, birth dates, procedures, and diagnoses of 14,000 patients was compromised when an employee email account of a third-party billing vendor was hacked. The health system was notified of the attack February 2 and continues to investigate the incident.

Source: <http://www.pnj.com/story/news/2015/03/16/sacred-heart-health-system-billing-information-hacked/24859975/>

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *March 17, Bloomington Pantagraph* – (Illinois) **FBI: Package sent for testing, IRS back to work.**

Firefighters spent nearly 3 hours at the Internal Revenue Service facility in Bloomington, Illinois, March 16 after receiving a call about a suspicious package. The package was sent off for testing and work at the site resumed March 17.

Source: http://www.pantagraph.com/news/fbi-investigating-report-of-suspicious-package-at-local-irs-center/article_76075e7e-a987-5496-b588-bf0b4812828b.html

21. *March 16, WSB 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Bus crash sends students, adults to hospital.**

Three adults and 23 students were transported to an area hospital March 16 following a hit-and-run accident involving a Calloway Middle School bus in Clayton County, Georgia. Police are still searching for the vehicle that hit the school bus and drove off.

Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/local/bus-crash-sends-students-adults-hospital/nkXj9/>

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Information Technology Sector

22. *March 17, Softpedia* – (International) **D-Link patches against critical remote command and code execution flaws.** D-Link released firmware updates patching two critical vulnerabilities that allowed attackers to intercept network traffic and execute commands on vulnerable devices and exploit cross-site request forgery (CSRF) attacks to create, modify, or delete data and execute code.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/D-Link-Patches-Against-Critical-Remote-Command-and-Code-Execution-Flaws-475976.shtml>
23. *March 16, IDG News Service* – (International) **OpenSSL mystery patches due for release Thursday.** The OpenSSL Project Team released an advisory stating that several undisclosed security vulnerabilities in the open-source encryption software which utilizes the Secure Sockets Layer/Transport Layer Security (SSL/TSL) protocol will be patched March 19 in versions 1.0.2a, 1.0.1m, 1.0.0r, and 0.9.8zf.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/article/2897793/openssl-mystery-patches-due-for-release-thursday.html>
24. *March 14, ZDNet* – (International) **BlackBerry begins slow rollout for FREAK security flaw, most devices still at risk.** BlackBerry confirmed that all versions of newer BlackBerry 10 and older 7.1 devices along with BlackBerry Enterprise Service 12 and earlier, as well as the BlackBerry messenger app on Android, iPhones, Windows phones, and iPads are all vulnerable to Factoring RSA-EXPORT Key (FREAK) attacks that intercept encrypted traffic and force weaker encryption. BlackBerry is working to mitigate the vulnerability.
Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/article/blackberry-slow-to-respond-to-freak-flaw-says-it-has-no-fix/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

25. *March 17, Reno Gazette-Journal* – (Nevada) **Apartment fire displaces 50, hospitalizes 3 in south Reno.** Three residents were injured and more than 50 others were displaced by a 3-alarm fire at the Lakeside Plaza Condos in Reno March 17. Firefighters performed about 30 rescues from the structure and are investigating the cause of the fire.
Source: <http://www.rgj.com/story/news/2015/03/17/apartment-fire-displaces-injures-south-reno/24892897/>
26. *March 16, KCRA 3 Sacramento* – (California) **Suspicious device at Stockton apartment complex deactivated.** A bomb squad responded to a Stockton apartment complex March 16 to deactivate an explosive device that was found, prompting the evacuation of residents for several hours while the device was rendered safe and authorities investigated the incident.
Source: <http://www.kcra.com/news/local-news/news-stockton/bomb-squad-investigates-suspicious-device-at-stockton-apartment/31824670>
27. *March 16, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas) **SAPD's bomb squad detonates device at Southwest Side Walmart.** Police responded to a San Antonio Walmart March 16 to investigate a suspicious device believed to be a pipe bomb that was found in the store's parking lot. The device was detonated as a precaution and police are investigating the contents of the pipe.
Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/SAPD-s-bomb-squad-detonates-device-at-Southwest-6136890.php>
28. *March 16, WYTV 33 Youngstown* – (Ohio) **Fire damages Austintown restaurant.** A March 15 fire at Los Gallos Mexican Restaurant in Austintown, Ohio, caused an estimated \$100,000 in damage. The fire is believed to have started in the bar area of the restaurant and remains under investigation.
Source: <http://wytv.com/2015/03/16/fire-damages-austintown-restaurant-2/>

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